

#### PATENT APPLICATION

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

E. MUSSO et al.

Art Unit: 1711

Application Number: 09/375,239

Examiner: R. Sergent

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 108910-09024

For: FOAMING COMPOSITIONS

#### PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

November 27, 2002

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the below remarks.

### **REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated May 29, 2002, it is indicated that certain claims are rejected over the Klug et al. reference, it being alleged that blowing agent compositions IV, V, D and E as claimed are disclosed by the reference. It is further alleged that it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art to control foam density by adjusting characteristics such as the amount of

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## CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisions Application Practice, Fine Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.											
2.	a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)  b. Other										
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